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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the May Agricultural Yield Survey. Acreage, yield, and production for Winter Wheat are reported for Idaho, selected states, and the U.S. Hay stocks for Idaho and the U.S. are included.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Director

Idaho Winter Wheat Production Down 4 Percent

Idaho's 2006 winter wheat production is forecast at 63.9 million bushels, 4 percent lower than last year, but up 1 percent from the 2004 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 90.0 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year's record yield. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 710,000 acres, a decrease of 20,000 acres from 2005.

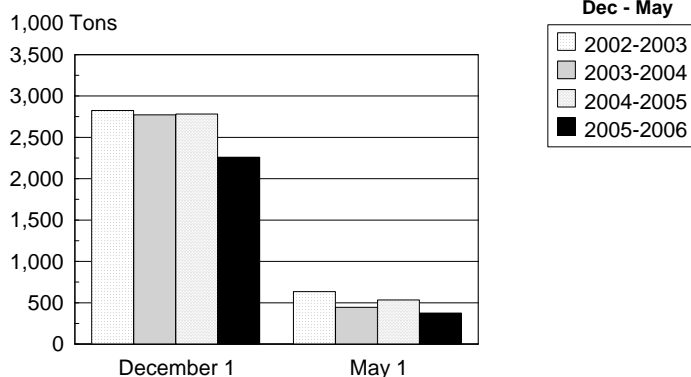
Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 375,000 tons, down 30 percent from May 1, 2005. Hay production during 2005 was up 1 percent from the previous year.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.32 billion bushels, down 12 percent from 2005. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 42.4 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels per acre less than last year. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, down 8 percent from last season.

Hard Red production is down 23 percent from a year ago to 715 million bushels. Soft Red is up 15 percent and totals 356 million bushels. White production totals 252 million bushels, down 3 percent from a year ago. Of the White production total, 21.7 million bushels are Hard White and 230 million bushels are Soft White.

Hay stocks totaled 21.3 million tons on May 1, 2006, down 23 percent from the previous year. The largest decreases in May 1 stocks compared with last year occurred in Texas and Missouri, where drought conditions continued through the winter and this spring.

HAY STOCKS ON IDAHO FARMS



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Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
Selected States and United States, 2004-2005 and Forecasted May 1, 2006

State	Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres			Bushels			Thousands		
Arkansas	620	160	300	53.0	52.0	54.0	32,860	8,320	16,200
California	320	300	220	85.0	72.0	60.0	27,200	21,600	13,200
Colorado	1,700	2,200	2,000	27.0	24.0	27.0	45,900	52,800	54,000
IDAHO	700	730	710	90.0	91.0	90.0	63,000	66,430	63,900
Illinois	900	600	870	59.0	61.0	63.0	53,100	36,600	54,810
Indiana	440	340	450	62.0	72.0	69.0	27,280	24,480	31,050
Kansas	8,500	9,500	9,400	37.0	40.0	34.0	314,500	380,000	319,600
Kentucky	380	300	310	54.0	68.0	68.0	20,520	20,400	21,080
Michigan	640	590	580	64.0	66.0	68.0	40,960	38,940	39,440
Missouri	930	540	870	52.0	54.0	53.0	48,360	29,160	46,110
Montana	1,630	2,100	1,950	41.0	45.0	42.0	66,830	94,500	81,900
Nebraska	1,650	1,760	1,650	37.0	39.0	38.0	61,050	68,640	62,700
North Carolina	460	435	440	50.0	57.0	48.0	23,000	24,795	21,120
Ohio	890	830	960	62.0	71.0	69.0	55,180	58,930	66,240
Oklahoma	4,700	4,000	3,100	35.0	32.0	22.0	164,500	128,000	68,200
Oregon	780	780	760	61.0	61.0	55.0	47,580	47,580	41,800
South Dakota	1,250	1,490	1,250	45.0	44.0	45.0	56,250	65,560	56,250
Tennessee	280	150	190	49.0	56.0	56.0	13,720	8,400	10,640
Texas	3,500	3,000	1,300	31.0	32.0	27.0	108,500	96,000	35,100
Washington	1,750	1,800	1,800	67.0	67.0	68.0	117,250	120,600	122,400
UNITED STATES	34,462	33,794	31,177	43.5	44.4	42.4	1,499,434	1,499,129	1,322,831

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